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SUBJECT: SCABIN MAKES NEW EFFORT TO PLUG LEAKS

1. ISRAELI CABINET DECIDED FEBRUARY 15 TO LIMIT PARTICIPATION AT ITS WEEKLY CABINET SESSIONS IN EFFORT TO STEM PRESS LEAKS REGARDING ITS DELIBERATIONS. FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM CABINET COMMUNIQUE.

2. QUOTE: IT WAS RESOLVED, WITHOUT RESERVATION, THAT REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT CABINET SESSIONS WILL FROM NOW ON BE RESTRICTED TO CABINET MEMBERS, THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARY AND THE STENOGRAPHER - AND NONE OTHER. NO OTHER PERSONS WILL BE PRESENT AT CABINET SESSIONS, UNLESS THEIR PRESENCE IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF A SPECIFIC ITEM ON THE AGENDA, AND PROVIDED THEIR INVITATION TO ATTEND HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER. SUCH
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PERSONS SHALL ATTEND THE SESSION ONLY DURING DISCUSSION

OF SAID SPECIFIC ITEM. END QUOTE.

3. THOSE EXCLUDED FROM CABINET SESSIONS EXCEPT ON
SPECIFIC TOPICS PERTAINING TO THEIR AREAS OF RESPON-
SIBILITY ARE MINISTERIAL ADVISORS AND SENIOR STAFFS
INCLUDING THOSE OF RABIN, PERES AND ALLON, WHETHER
THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ACTUALLY WILL CONTRI-
BU TO STEMMING LEAKS OR WHETHER THEY WILL
EVEN BE LONG OR STRICTLY ENFORCED REMAINS TO BE SEEN. TOON
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